

November 12, 2009

Diane Jablonski
Office of the Comptroller
Dutchess County
22 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Ms. Jablonski,

Dutchess Works has reviewed the DC Audit, responses from DW Executive Director, WIB Executive Director and the last independent audit in an effort to provide a response to the findings. Several of the items in the audit, as related to budgetary interactions with the DCWIB, have been addressed by Richard Altman, DCWIB Executive Director, and are appropriate and will be implemented by Dutchess Works.

In response to your inquiry concerning the accounting for the contract advance of \$50,000 in 2004, Fred Fister, Executive Director Dutchess Works, and the One Stop staff are preparing a full accounting of the corresponding expenditures. As stated in an earlier response, and supported by the independent audit conducted by Pangia & Company, LLC, the contract advance policy previously supported by DCWIB was not continued after 2004.

Dutchess Works had independent Audits prepared by Pangia & Company, LLC for 2007 and 2008. The results of these Audits produced “no findings” and confirmed that Dutchess Works maintains its financial activities consistent with generally approved accounting standards. Dutchess Works is referring your audit and response letters from DCWIB to Pangia & Company for responses to the findings.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Spira
Dutchess Works Chair

Cc: Richard Altman, DCWIB, Pangia & Company, LLC, Fred Fister, DW

